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**MINUTES
KAUAI / NIIHAU ISLANDS BURIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2006
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5396 RICE STREET
LIHUE, HAWAII 96766

ATTENDANCE

Members

John Kruse	Sandra Quinsaas
Donna A'ana-Nakahara	Leiana Robinson
Mark Hubbard	Tom Shigemoto
Grace Kamai	Henrietta Thaxton
Catherine Pfeffer	Barbara Say

Absent

Presley Wann (Excused)

Staff

Pi'ilani Chang, SHPD Cultural Historian
Nancy McMahan, SHPD Kauai Archaeologist

Guests

Jim Powell, SCS	Will Summerhays, Poipu Beach Villas LLC
Hal Hammatt, CSH	MaryAnne Kusaka, Coco Palms Ventures LLC
Janet Hepa	Kalanikumai Ka Maka 'O Na Ali'i Hanohano
Kaliko Santos, OHA	Liberta Albar, Coco Palms Ventures LLC
Martha Yent, State Parks	C. Kunane Aipoalani

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Hubbard at 9:10 am. Chair Hubbard stated for the record that all members of the council were present with the exception of Presley Wann who was unable to be at the meeting.

II. OPENING REMARKS

Chair Hubbard recognized and thanked the three members (Tom Shigemoto, Catherine Pfeffer, and Grace Kamai) of the council whose terms expire at the end of this month. Chair Hubbard asked the council about the monthly meeting dates and if there was a possibility to change the day to Wednesday or Thursday.

III. APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

Correction by A'ana-Nakahara: Name misspelled on Page 1 and 2.

Correction by Shigemoto: Page 3, Voted not to defer Agenda IV – C.

Correction by Hubbard: Page 2, Incomplete sentence under “Burial Component of a Data Recovery for Inadvertently Discovered in Kapaa Town: Reburial at Kapaa Lookout.” The statement should read, “Jim Powell, SCS, made a presentation of the reinterment areas as part of the bikeway plan and the 30 foot buffer around the site. Powell circulated the new plans.”

A motion was made to accept the May 2, 2006 Meeting Minutes with the corrections. (Shigemoto/Say)

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carries.

IV. BUSINESS

A. Burial Treatment Plan for Poipu Villas Project Koloa Ahupuaa, Koloa District, Island of Kauai [TMK: (4) 2-8-015: 051, 052, 074]

Hal Hammatt (CSH) and Will Summerhays explained the development plans around the burial site located within this project. There will be a 26 foot buffer around the lava tube within the burial preserve. Kalanikumai Ka Maka 'O Na Ali'i Hanohano explained how his family has ties to the Koloa ahupua'a for many generations and would like to provide some input on this burial. Hanohano suggested the following to be implemented in the burial treatment plan: 1) He does not approve of dirt being put over the lava tube's entrance; instead, he would like to see dry stacked rock be used to seal the entrance and to put a big rock on top to serve as a marker; and 2) He feels that green ti plants would be appropriate to use as landscaping around the perimeter of the lava tube. He also made suggestions in regards to the inventory survey done on the parcel.

Shigemoto asked Hammatt about Hanohano's concern regarding the dirt being placed over the tube's entrance. Hammatt stated that he has implemented Mr. Hanohano's requests/suggestions into the burial treatment plan. Shigemoto suggested that Mr. Hanohano be present when the CSH is sealing the lava tube's entrance.

Motion to preserve in place the burial that was found within this project. (Shigemoto/Kamai)

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carries.

Motion to recommend to the department to approve the burial treatment plan with Mr. Hanohano's suggestions regarding the rocks and the landscaping. (Shigemoto/Say)

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carries.

**B. Burial Treatment Plan for Site 50-30-08-3939 in Waipouli
North Olohena Ahupuaa, Kawaihau District, Island of Kauai
[TMK: (4) 4-3-007:008]**

Jim Powell (SCS) explained the circumstances surrounding the burial found on the subject property. The landowner would like to relocate the remains into a burial preserve on the property. A'ana-Nakahara asked about what the property owners next to the subject property thought about the reburial site being very close to their property. Powell stated that they didn't seem to have a problem with it. McMahon described the history of the property. Shigemoto asked how the reinterment site was chosen. Powell explained that the landowner picked that location.

**Motion to relocate the remains to the proposed reinterment site on the property.
(Shigemoto/Thaxton)**

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carries.

**Motion to recommend to the department to approve the burial treatment plan.
(Shigemoto/Thaxton)**

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carries.

**C. Reburial and Preservation Plan for Polihale State Park
Waimea Ahupuaa, Kona (Waimea) District, Island of Kauai
[TMK: (4) 1-2-02:024]**

Martha Yent (State Parks) gave an informational presentation for the burials found within the Polihale State Park. There are a number of burials that were exposed since the early 1990's. In consultation with the SHPD in the early 1990's, the burials couldn't be preserved in place so they were determined to be relocated. However, at that time, SHPD didn't have a storage container to curate the remains so the remains were temporarily reburied in a site closer to the restroom where they could be protected. There were several discussions about a proper reburial site with SHPD and the Aipoalani family. State Parks put an ad in the newspaper to inform for any other descendants about the burials and to ask them to come forward. It has been suggested to rebury the remains in the family cemetery nearby.

C. Kunane Aipoalani shared his thoughts about the burials. He explained how his family is the caretakers of the cemetery. Aipoalani would like to offer his family cemetery as a reinterment site for the burials found within the park. Shigemoto shared his concern about putting up a fence around the area to keep it safe. Aipoalani stated that he didn't want to draw attention to the area by putting a fence around it. Shigemoto recommended that the State place a boulder around the burials to deter people from riding their ATV's on or around the burials.

Motion to recommend to the department to approve the plan with the council's suggestion to place a barrier around the cemetery (to be done by the State) to prevent degregation of the burials. (Shigemoto/Kamai)

VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carries.

**D. Informational update for the Bothman Property
Kalihiwai Ahupuaa, Hanalei District, Island of Kauai
[TMK: 5-3-03: 014]**

Nancy McMahon and Jim Powell gave the council an update of the Bothman Property.

**E. Informational update of development at the former Coco Palms Property
Wailua Ahupuaa, Puna District, Island of Kauai
[TMK: (4) 4-1-003:004, 005, 007, 011, 017, 039, 044]**

Hal Hammatt gave an informational update of the development plans at the former Coco Palms Property. Hammatt explained important aspects of the inventory survey done on the subject property. Hammatt has reason to believe there were burials found on the property previously and it is their intention to leave the burials intact and build around it.

McMahon asked about contingency plans if they encounter more burials when they do construction. Hammatt said that there is a group working on those issues and they are considering a reinterment site on the property to accommodate any additional burials. Hammatt stated that they also completed a cultural impact assessment for the proposed development on this property. They will be presenting a burial treatment plan to the council soon.

V. INFORMATIONAL UPDATES – DHHL LANDS

A. Anahola/Kamalomaloo [TMK: (4) 4-7-004]

Nancy McMahon and Jim Powell gave the council an update on this inadvertent discovery. A couple people were walking along the beach and had a feeling to dig in this area. They dug until they hit the basket and then proceeded to open it and expose the 'iwi. Powell re-wrapped the 'iwi and reburied it quickly. McMahon stated that these people thought that there were buried treasure in that spot and that is why they dug in that area. A'ana-Nakahara stated that someone had called her about this inadvertent discovery and she told them to rebury and call McMahon. Kruse suggested that in the future, there should be signage or rocks around the reinterment sites to prevent people from loitering or digging in that area.

VI. INADVERTENT DISCOVERIES

**A. Septic Hale Kauai – Honsador
Nawiliwili Ahupuaa, Puna District, Island of Kauai**

Honsador was putting in a septic tank and hit some fragmented human remains. McMahon made a site visit and stated that she asked them to hire an archaeology firm to screen the

entire fill that was excavated from the burial area. Powell said that he is working with Honsador to look for a reinterment site.

**B. DHHL – Cracked 14 Reinterment Site [TMK: (4) 4-7-004]
Anahola Ahupuaa, Kawaihau District, Island of Kauai**

McMahon referred the council to the earlier discussion on this matter.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Shigemoto thanked the burial council members for all their work and support on the council. He shared how he has developed a better understanding and appreciation for the Hawaiian culture since he has been on the council. He thanked the staff of SHPD for their help over the years. He believes that this council is one of the best in the state and he challenges the members to keep up the good work. Kamai also expressed her thanks to the council for all their work on the council. She explained how being on the council has helped her to bring out the Hawaiian in herself. Pfeffer thanked the council and acknowledged that being on the council has helped her be stronger in her family.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. (Kamai/Pfeffer)

Vote: ALL IN FAVOR. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pi'ilani Chang, SHPD Cultural Historian